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ISKCON Revival Movement

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Introduction

After Śrīla Prabhupāda's physical departure on 14th November, 1977, the following occurred:

- 1) Taking advantage of this departure, 11 men immediately usurped Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as the *dīkṣā* guru of ISKCON.
- 2) One of the 11 men who did this was **HH Hridayānanda Dāsa Goswami (henceforward "HD")**. He then went on, from around 1980 until 1982, to complete Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, by giving his own translations and purports on cantos 10 (after chapter 13), 11 and 12, which will be referred to as "HD's *Bhāgavatam*".

However, as we proved in our book, *The Final Order*, there is no record of Śrīla Prabhupāda having given an order for HD and the others to take his position as ISKCON's *dīkṣā* guru. Thus, event 1 was unauthorised. In this booklet, we will show through 13 different proofs that Śrīla Prabhupāda similarly gave no order for HD to complete his *Bhāgavatam*, and thus HD's *Bhāgavatam* is also unauthorised. All emphases have been added.

Chapter One

Only Śrīla Prabhupāda Gives: Proofs 1-6

We begin with six foundational proofs establishing that Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Bhāgavatam* did not require completion, that only he could give us the *Bhāgavatam*, and that, therefore, it could not be possible for someone else to have been authorised to complete Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Bhāgavatam*.

1) Śrīla Prabhupāda Prepared for Unfinished *Bhāgavatam*

Śrīla Prabhupāda raised the issue of the *Bhāgavatam* not getting completed before he physically departed:

“I started the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement at the age of seventy. Now I am seventy-eight, and so my death is imminent. I am trying to finish the translation of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* as soon as possible”

(Cc., *Antya-līlā*, 1.11, purport)

Thus, Śrīla Prabhupāda *specifically* addresses the situation in regards to his “imminent” death, and therefore his attempt to “finish” the *Bhāgavatam* “as soon as possible”. Śrīla Prabhupāda then goes on to give his answer for what should happen in case he does *not* manage to finish the *Bhāgavatam*:

“as soon as possible, but before finishing it I have given my readers the book *Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead*, so that if I die before finishing the whole task, they may enjoy this book, which is the essence of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*.”

(Cc., *Antya-līlā*, 1.11, purport, immediate continuation)

Hence, Śrīla Prabhupāda gives a conclusive answer in regards to what should happen if the *Bhāgavatam* is not completed, which settles the matter:

- Śrīla Prabhupāda specifically addresses the situation of what should happen “if I die before finishing” the *Bhāgavatam*.
- His answer is that he has prepared for such an outcome by giving the book, *Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead*, in advance, because it is the “essence” of the *Bhāgavatam*.

Hence, he does *not* refer to there needing to be, nor does he make, a

provision for his *Bhāgavatam* to be finished by someone else. Rather, he already made an arrangement for such a scenario. Anyone who considers himself a follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda would accept this answer from Śrīla Prabhupāda, enjoy his magnificent *Kṛṣṇa* book, and thus honour Śrīla Prabhupāda's arrangements – rather than support someone else daring to touch Śrīla Prabhupāda's books and unauthorisedly “complete” them.

2) Śrīla Prabhupāda's Complete Knowledge

As Śrīla Prabhupāda approached the time of his passing, he never stated that there would be some need or lack due to the *Bhāgavatam* not being completed. On the contrary, he emphasised that his books are not lacking anything:

“So there is nothing to be said new. Whatever I have to speak, I have spoken in my books. Now you try to understand it and continue your endeavor. Whether I am present or not present doesn't matter.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda, Arrival Speech, 17/5/77)

Thus, Śrīla Prabhupāda's books did not require, nor did he request, anything to be *added* to them – and therefore his *Bhāgavatam* did not require completion.

3) Only Śrīla Prabhupāda Gives *Bhāgavatam*

“in order to receive the real message of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* one should approach the current link, or spiritual master, in the chain of disciplic succession.”

(*SB*, 2.9.7, purport)

Śrīla Prabhupāda states that the real message of the *Bhāgavatam*, which by definition would have to include the *Bhāgavatam* itself, can only be given by the “current link”. This current link is Śrīla Prabhupāda himself, as evidenced by the fact that he is the one who gave us the mostly completed *Bhāgavatam* which we use in ISKCON. Consequently, it is not even possible for anyone else to give us the *Bhāgavatam* via “finishing” it or any other means, and thus such a work would be unauthorised.

4) Śrīla Prabhupāda Required to Give *Bhāgavatam*

Śrīla Prabhupāda explains that one can only understand scripture from

the previous *ācāryas* by understanding it from him:

“Suppose I have heard something from my spiritual master, so I speak to you the same thing. So this is *paramparā* system. You cannot imagine what my spiritual master said. Or even if you read some books, you cannot understand unless you understand it from me. This is called *paramparā* system. You cannot jump over to the superior guru, I mean to say, neglecting the next *ācārya*, immediate next *ācārya*.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture on *SB*, 1.15.30, 8/12/73)

Hence, the scripture *Bhāgavatam* from the previous *ācārya* Śrīla Vyāsadeva needs to be understood only through Śrīla Prabhupāda’s explanations via his purports. Indeed, this is how ten out of the twelve cantos of the *Bhāgavatam* (including the *Kṛṣṇa* book) had already been received from Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thus, consistent with what he had already taught both by example and precept, the rest of the *Bhāgavatam* could in any case only have been given along with Śrīla Prabhupāda’s explanations. Hence, the question of parts of the *Bhāgavatam* being given *without* any purports from Śrīla Prabhupāda, which are needed in order for us to be able to *understand* the *Bhāgavatam*, does not even arise.

5) Reading Other Translations Forbidden

“I have given you TLC [*Teachings of Lord Caitanya*], what need is there to read *Caitanya Caritāmṛta* translated by someone else. You are right to stop such reading.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 20/1/72)

Śrīla Prabhupāda specifically forbade the reading of translations of scripture that he had not given, in this instance by forbidding the reading of the translation of *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* by someone else. This was done even though Śrīla Prabhupāda **had not even given** the translation of the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* himself at the time. Rather, all he had given was a brief summary of the whole work via the book *Teachings of Lord Caitanya*, which itself was considered sufficient to not read any other translations of the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. Whereas, in the case of the *Bhāgavatam*, not only has Śrīla Prabhupāda already translated most of it, but he has also given the “essence” of the whole *Bhāgavatam* via the *Kṛṣṇa* book, as quoted in Proof 1. And the latter was done specifically to provide for the *Bhāgavatam* not being completed. Consequently, even more in the case of the *Bhāgavatam*,

one would not be authorised to read a work “translated by someone else.”

6) Reading Non-Prabhupāda Books Forbidden

“There is no need by any of my disciples to read any books besides my books – in fact, such reading may be detrimental to their advancement in Krishna Consciousness. All reading of outside books, except in certain authorized cases such as for example to read some philosopher like Plato to make an essay comparing his philosophy with Krishna’s philosophy – but otherwise all such outside reading should be stopped immediately.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 20/1/72)

“You say that you would read only one book if that was all that I had written, so you teach others to do like that. You have very good determination.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 14/11/73)

Śrīla Prabhupāda states that there should be no reading of books other than his, unless specifically authorised. The above instructions would automatically cover HD’s books.

Hence, this and the previous proof establish in different ways that there is no question of Śrīla Prabhupāda authorising someone to write a translation that we are not even authorised to read!

Chapter Two

No One Authorised: Proofs 7-10

The proofs in the previous chapter showed how the completion of Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Bhāgavatam* by someone else is not supported by Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings. This conclusion can now be separately confirmed by specifically establishing that Śrīla Prabhupāda did **not authorise** anyone to complete his *Bhāgavatam*.

7) No Order Given

The most obvious proof that Śrīla Prabhupāda did not authorise either HD or anyone else to complete his *Bhāgavatam*, is that there exists no record of **an order** from Śrīla Prabhupāda authorising them to do so. And, without such an order from Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is not possible to act:

“The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life. Anyone who disobeys the order of the spiritual master immediately becomes useless.”

(Cc., Ādi-līlā, 12.10)

If we act without such an order, or claim that such an order is not necessary, then we immediately become useless, because we would *then* also be disobeying *this* order *that* “The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life.”

Nor is it possible to claim the existence of such an order simply on the basis of asserting that “Prabhupāda said” such a thing, without any recorded proof. Because such a claim in itself would also be disobeying Śrīla Prabhupāda:

“Unless it is there from me in writing, there are so many things that “Prabhupāda said.””

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 2/9/75)

“just like in our ISKCON there are so many false things: “Prabhupāda said this, Prabhupāda said that.””

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 7/11/72)

“Sometimes they say, “Prabhupāda said it.” More misleading. Yes.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda, Morning Walk, 3/2/75)

Thus, Śrīla Prabhupāda did not approve of the “Prabhupāda said” method as “evidence” of his order, and hence it cannot be put forward as evidence that Śrīla Prabhupāda issued an order for his *Bhāgavatam* to be completed.

8) Śrīla Prabhupāda Confirms No One Authorised

The previous proof established that there exists **no order** from Śrīla Prabhupāda authorising the completion of his *Bhāgavatam*. Now we will see Śrīla Prabhupāda confirming this fact. On May 28th, 1977, a delegation of the GBC met with Śrīla Prabhupāda to ask him questions relating to how ISKCON would continue in the future after his physical disappearance. One of those questions was whether the BBT could publish scriptures in the future translated by others that he would not see. This proof and the next will look at the answers Śrīla Prabhupāda gave to this question. Śrīla Prabhupāda replies first in regards to others translating, that:

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “But amongst our disciples, I don’t think there are many who can translate properly.”

Rāmeśvara: “None. We’re not eager to publish anything which is not perfect, because you have already set the highest standard for the BBT. The name BBT means the highest standard right now in the world.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “That is good answer.”

(Conversation with GBC, 28/5/77)

By stating “That is good answer”, Śrīla Prabhupāda agrees with Rāmeśvara that:

a) “None” of his disciples can translate.

b) Therefore, the BBT will only publish translations that are “perfect” and of the same “highest standard” set by Śrīla Prabhupāda’s translations.

This answer means that Śrīla Prabhupāda had not, nor could he have, authorised anyone to translate the *Bhāgavatam*. Because he agrees that actually no one is qualified to translate scripture, and that only translations of the same standard as his should be published.

9) Must Be “Very Realized”

Śrīla Prabhupāda then concludes the conversation just quoted in the previous proof by explaining the actual standard required for

translation, which led to “none” being qualified to translate scripture:

“Our translation must be documents. They are not ordinary... One cannot become unless one is very realized. It is not A-B-C-D translation.”

(Conversation with GBC, 28/5/77)

a) Śrīla Prabhupāda refers to the standard of translations in ISKCON, stating that “they are not ordinary”. Śrīla Prabhupāda had made this same point previously:

“These books I have recorded and chanted, and they are transcribed. It is spoken kirtanas. So book distribution is also chanting. These are not ordinary books.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 19/10/74)

Śrīla Prabhupāda refers to the entire contents of his books, which contain **both** translations and purports, as being “not ordinary”. And, it is this “not ordinary” standard that is required of *all* translations in ISKCON, which must thus be “documents”. Therefore, Śrīla Prabhupāda is not giving a new, lower standard for future translations, but rather is expecting them to be of the same standard as the existing translations in ISKCON, i.e. his translations.

b) Śrīla Prabhupāda therefore states that the person who produces such “translation” must be “very realized”. Which, by point a), means of a **similar standard of realisation to Śrīla Prabhupāda**, so as to be able to produce the same “not ordinary” translations.

c) In stating this, Śrīla Prabhupāda is just confirming the same point he had just agreed with Rāmeśvara making a few sentences earlier, as covered in the previous proof. There Śrīla Prabhupāda agreed that translations must be of the same “highest standard” as his own. Hence, it follows that the translator would need to be similarly “very realized” as Śrīla Prabhupāda is. Therefore, Śrīla Prabhupāda had agreed that there existed “none” who could translate in ISKCON, because they needed this “very” high level of realisation.

10) Spiritual Realisation, Not Translation Ability, Required

Mahādeva: “Here’s the text, here’s the original Sanskrit. And we have a roman transliteration, and then individually, **the word meanings.**”

Jesuit Priest: “Oh, I see. I’ve got it, yes.”

Mahādeva: “And then a full translation.”

Jesuit Priest: “Translation. Yes. They’re marvelous. Yes. Yes.”

Revatinandana: “Actually, most of the Sanskrit, much of that work is done by one of Prabhupāda’s disciples now. He handles much of the Sanskrit.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “Yes, they are being trained.”

Revatinandana: “It’s a mechanical process, after all. But the translation, that requires not only knowledge of the language, it requires spiritual realization.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “Yes.”

Revatinandana: “And the spiritual translation is done by Prabhupāda.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda, Conversation, 3/8/73)

a) This conversation mentions the “Sanskrit” help that “one of Prabhupāda’s disciples” rendered. This disciple was **Pradyumna Dāsa (“PD”)**.

b) This work involved translating all the individual Sanskrit words into English, and therefore we know that PD already possessed the ability to translate from Sanskrit.

c) But it is stated that this translation ability is simply “mechanical”, whereas a full translation of a Sanskrit verse can only be rendered by Śrīla Prabhupāda, since this requires “spiritual realization”. Śrīla Prabhupāda agrees with all these points.

d) Hence, this explains why neither PD, nor anyone else, was mentioned by Śrīla Prabhupāda as being qualified to translate scriptures in Proof 8, when he agreed that “none” were. Thus, it was never a question of PD’s (or anyone else’s) Sanskrit translation ability, which he already possessed. It is because translation of scripture requires spiritual realisation as possessed by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Translation ability, no matter how expert, is not enough.

Further confirming that spiritual realisation, not simply translation ability – no matter how great – is required for translation of the *Bhāgavatam*, Śrīla Prabhupāda states:

Bhūgarbha: “He says it is very interesting, very important that Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam be translated [...]”

Yogeśvara: “He says, Professor Chenique wishes to know, would it not be more valuable if our men spoke Sanskrit and could translate directly from the Sanskrit into French? [...] We have no Sanskrit scholars in French yet, no.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “Not only scholar. Not only scholar; he must be a

realized soul. Simply scholarship will not help.”

(Room Conversation, 5/8/76)

Śrīla Prabhupāda repeats the point that scholarly knowledge of Sanskrit is not enough to be able to translate scripture, but that the person actually needs to be a “realized soul”. Śrīla Prabhupāda also states:

“The poet or writer dealing with transcendental subject matters is not an ordinary writer or translator. Because he is empowered by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, whatever he writes becomes very effective.”

(Cc., Antya-līlā, 1.211, purport)

This refers to spiritual writing, which can include translating scripture, since it states that such a writer is not an “ordinary writer or translator”. And it states that such a person is actually “empowered” by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Additionally, the translator must at least be the person *Bhāgavata*, or one whose very life is *Bhāgavata*:

“No, no, that is rubbish. They do not know what is *Bhāgavata*. How they will translate? Professional translation is not... *Bhāgavata-pado giya bhāgavata sthāne*. [?] “Whose life is *Bhāgavata*, go there and read *Bhāgavata*.” That is the recommendation. That is the order of Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda, Room Conversation, 2/4/77)

From the above, it is clear that, in order to translate holy scripture, Śrīla Prabhupāda states that scholarly translating ability, no matter how expert, is not enough. Rather, one must be an “empowered”, spiritually “realized soul”, whose very life is “*Bhāgavata*”. Śrīla Prabhupāda is thus describing someone such as himself, rather than one who has linguistic scholarly or translation ability.

Chapter Three

Hridayānanda Forbidden: Proofs 11-13

The previous chapter established that Śrīla Prabhupāda did not authorise anyone to complete his *Bhāgavatam*, which would mean HD was also not authorised. In this chapter, we give proofs which establish that Śrīla Prabhupāda actually ordered HD to *not* complete the *Bhāgavatam*; and also that HD did not satisfy the requirement to be like Śrīla Prabhupāda – “very realized” – which Śrīla Prabhupāda states is the qualification for a scriptural translator.

11) HD Definitely Not Authorised

HD confessed that he had specifically been *forbidden* by Śrīla Prabhupāda from ever being able to translate the *Bhāgavatam*. For, HD admits that he was told to stop learning Sanskrit permanently by Śrīla Prabhupāda as soon as Śrīla Prabhupāda heard from HD that HD was studying it:

“I also received this grammar book by Macdonell, and sort of being a language buff, especially always being fascinated by Sanskrit, I began to study it. And I wrote a letter to Prabhupāda telling him what I was doing. And Prabhupāda said, “Oh, don’t waste your time learning Sanskrit.” [...] And so without even thinking, I took this beautiful little grammar book and just dropped it into the trash. Because you know one has to immediately carry out the order of the guru. [...] And I just started making it a point of honor not to study Sanskrit because Prabhupāda had said that to me.”

(HD Talk, 18/8/17)

Here is the order from Śrīla Prabhupāda that HD refers to:

“You have studied the Sanskrit language for some years, that is sufficient of study, there is no more need. Now you read our books, not that lifelong you have to study Sanskrit. Simply read our Sanskrit wherever it appears in our books and teach these slokas to the devotees, do not waste time by studying Sanskrit independently of our books.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter to HD, 6/8/72)

By noting the underlined parts, one can see that Śrīla Prabhupāda told

HD *3* times that he should **never learn Sanskrit again**:

- 1) “sufficient of study, there is no more need”;
- 2) “not that lifelong you have to study” – thus no more continuing studying in this “life”;
- 3) “do not waste time by studying Sanskrit independently of our books” – Sanskrit to never be studied other than just by reading the verses in Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books.

Consequently, it is not just that HD did **not receive** an order to translate the *Bhāgavatam*, and therefore he is not authorised. But that, additionally, he **did receive** an order from Śrīla Prabhupāda which expressly **forbade** him from being able to do such a thing! Thus, we have a **double proof** for HD’s lack of authorisation!

Hence, if there is definitely one person not authorised to translate the *Bhāgavatam*, it is HD, as Śrīla Prabhupāda made sure to permanently ban him from ever even being able to do such a task!

12) HD’s Unauthorised and Unqualified Translation

a) However, HD admits that he later specifically disobeyed Śrīla Prabhupāda’s order to stop learning Sanskrit and began to learn Sanskrit **just so** that he could finish the *Bhāgavatam*:

“in Brazil in 1978 in late November [...] in my heart I just heard Kṛṣṇa telling me, “Okay, you passed the test. Now you need to learn Sanskrit and finish the Bhāgavatam.”

(HD Talk, 18/8/17)

It is interesting to note his methodology for this disobedience. He claims “in my heart I just heard Kṛṣṇa telling me”. By this ‘method’, one can disobey any instruction Śrīla Prabhupāda ever gave. One just has to claim one heard Kṛṣṇa in one’s heart stating the opposite of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s orders.

b) We earlier quoted Śrīla Prabhupāda stating that:

“The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life. Anyone who disobeys the order of the spiritual master immediately becomes useless.”

(Cc., Ādi-līlā, 12.10)

Thus, having produced his *Bhāgavatam* directly as a result of having disobeyed Śrīla Prabhupāda’s order to not learn Sanskrit, HD is

“useless” rather than “very realized” spiritually. Yet, we saw in Proofs 8 and 9 that Śrīla Prabhupāda stated that being “very realized” spiritually was the qualification required by a scriptural translator.

c) In addition, HD **lied** about this disobedience. In the confession quoted in the previous proof, HD had truthfully explained that Śrīla Prabhupāda forbade him to learn Sanskrit **permanently**. Yet, HD later told the same story but lied about this permanent ban, stating that Śrīla Prabhupāda only told him that he should not learn *at that time*:

“I found a very special book. It was by Macdonell [...] a Sanskrit Grammar for Students [...] I had studied that book in 1972 just after I took sannyāsa and Prabhupāda said now’s not the time for you to study Sanskrit.”

(HD Talk, 19/10/19)

HD going to the trouble of lying about his disobedience to cover it up, and thus trying to justify his disobedient acts, just makes the significance of his disobedience even more prominent. The lie reveals he is aware of the significance of having been forbidden to study Sanskrit by Śrīla Prabhupāda – as it renders his whole *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* project unauthorised – and hence he has no choice but to cover up this fact.

d) Hence, HD’s translation is both unauthorised and unqualified, as it arose only because he specifically disobeyed Śrīla Prabhupāda, which in turn made him useless rather than spiritually “very realized”, as required.

13) HD Not “Very Realized”

We shall present proof which is particularly irrefutable for HD that he was not “very realized” when he translated the *Bhāgavatam* as required by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Irrefutable because, as we shall see, it is proof that HD himself must accept.

a) HD is a loyal member of the current ISKCON and fully accepts the authority of the GBC. Indeed, when referring to his own position as an ISKCON *dikṣā* guru, he states:

“since Prabhupāda ordered us to follow the GBC, a guru can only be bona fide by following the GBC.”

(HD, “Darshan”, 15/9/19)

b) As noted in the Introduction, it is a historical fact that when HD

completed the *Bhāgavatam*, he was part of the group of 11 men who had taken over Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as ISKCON's *dīkṣā* guru. These 11 men were part of a system that was known informally at the time as the "zonal *ācārya*" system. About this system, the GBC stated that:

"the GBC Body allowed for an unauthorized "zonal ācārya" system to evolve in ISKCON, elevating eleven exclusive successor dīkṣā gurus; [...] being weakened due to the Zonal Ācārya deviation"
(GBC Resolution 403, 1999)

In addition, ISKCON's official magazine, *Back To Godhead*, gave a similar statement about this system:

"But by the influence of māyā, illusion, a different idea soon evolved – that Śrīla Prabhupāda had appointed eleven "pure devotees" to serve as the only gurus after him."
(*Back To Godhead*, Issue 25-01, 1991)

c) As proof of this *māyā* (illusion) that HD was in when he completed the *Bhāgavatam*, we can note what was inserted into the *Bhāgavatam* he completed. In the pages of HD's *Bhāgavatam*, he was given the same exalted status of "His Divine Grace" as Śrīla Prabhupāda. In his purports, HD's illusion was so deep that he even went so far as to falsely promote as exalted, personalities who subsequently had to leave ISKCON due to engaging in illicit activity. Acknowledging HD's illusion in writing such "purports", all such references, along with HD's honorific title of "His Divine Grace", were removed in later printings.

Thus, neither the GBC nor HD, who claims to follow the GBC, can dispute that HD was in a deviant, illusory state when he completed the *Bhāgavatam*, rather than being "very realized" as required by Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Progression of HD's *Bhāgavatam* project

a) Śrīla Prabhupāda warned about his disciples that:

"I am practically seeing that as soon as they begin to learn a little sanskrit immediately they feel that they have become more than their guru and then the policy is kill guru and be killed himself."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 18/9/76)

We noted in Proof 11 that HD must have been such a person that Śrīla Prabhupāda would be wary of learning Sanskrit and developing

a mentality of thinking they are “more than their guru” and thus “kill guru”. Because, as soon as Śrīla Prabhupāda heard that HD was learning Sanskrit, he stopped him. Indeed, the result of HD’s Sanskrit “learning” and his *Bhāgavatam* project is that now he feels he is *superior* to Śrīla Prabhupāda in translating, and he has therefore ‘corrected’ Śrīla Prabhupāda’s *Bhāgavatam*, claiming that Śrīla Prabhupāda’s translations are “mistranslated”. Thus, he has gone from unauthorisedly *completing* Śrīla Prabhupāda’s *Bhāgavatam* to now *correcting* it. The evidence of this shocking behaviour from HD is documented here: www.iskconirm.com/correction

b) This “kill guru” mentality is also present when:

“And as soon as he learns the Guru Mahārāja is dead, “Now I am so advanced that I can kill my guru and I become.” Then he’s finished.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda, Room Conversation, 16/8/76)

And HD is guilty on both counts:

As soon as Śrīla Prabhupāda physically departed, HD replaced him as ISKCON’s *dikṣā* guru; and, as already noted, HD thinks he is superior in Sanskrit translation to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thus, this is a project which:

HD *defied* Śrīla Prabhupāda to produce;

HD then moved on from to *correct* Śrīla Prabhupāda;

Has been produced by one who is a **double** “kill guru” person.

Conclusion

Therefore, the conclusion of this and the previous two chapters is that: HD’s *Bhāgavatam* is not authorised, and therefore Śrīla Prabhupāda’s *Bhāgavatam* remains the only authorised *Bhāgavatam* to be used in ISKCON.

a) This has been proven in 13 different ways by Śrīla Prabhupāda. For those who claim to follow Śrīla Prabhupāda and accept his authority, even one proof should be enough, never mind 13!

b) This conclusion has also been proven through 3 separate paths:

i) That it is not possible for any *Bhāgavatam* other than Śrīla Prabhupāda’s to exist in ISKCON.

ii) That no one was authorised to complete Śrīla Prabhupāda’s

Bhāgavatam.

iii) That HD, the person who was responsible for completing the *Bhāgavatam*, is particularly unauthorised and unqualified to have done so.

c) Śrīla Prabhupāda's words, and therefore these proofs, can of course not be challenged, since Śrīla Prabhupāda is ISKCON's supreme authority and *Ācārya*. In addition, Śrīla Prabhupāda's answers in Proofs 8 and 9 are given specifically in the context of Śrīla Prabhupāda's final policy for ISKCON for the matter in question. Therefore, these proofs render anything else Śrīla Prabhupāda may have said or done previously as being not relevant to this matter, thus making the challenge even more impossible.

d) It should be noted that the last 3 proofs showed specifically that HD's *Bhāgavatam* was:

i) Born out of disobedience.

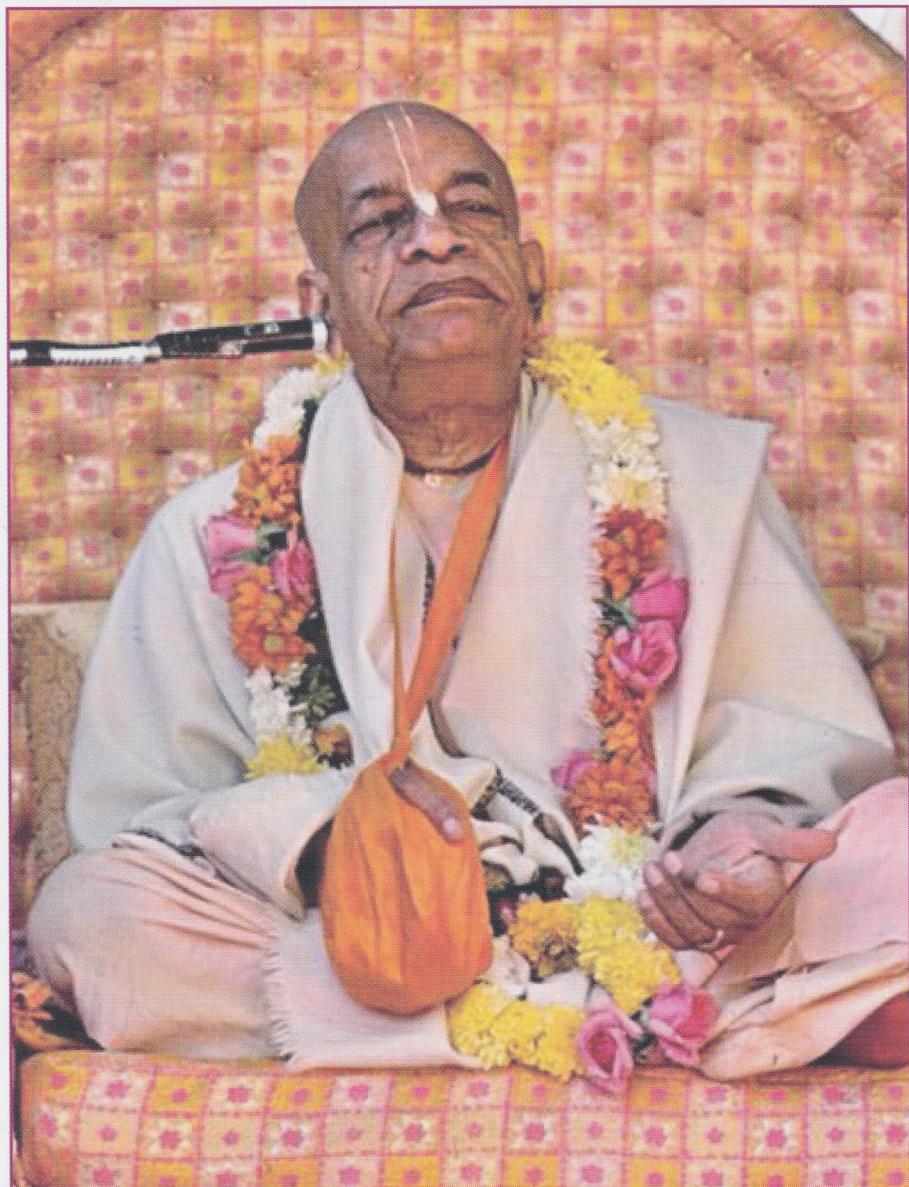
ii) Completed under the influence of the deep disobedience of the zonal *ācārya* hoax.

iii) Executed by one who was in deep *māyā* rather than "very realized" as required by Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Therefore, it is a particularly inauspicious, unauthorised and disobedient project.

Hence, the net result is that, for anyone who accepts Śrīla Prabhupāda's authority, the conclusion is overwhelming and irrefutable, leaving no shadow of a doubt. HD's *Bhāgavatam* is not authorised and therefore should not be read.





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